from Germany and South Korea was allowed to Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET & T). The foreign exchange outlay on this import was approximately Rs. 11.5 crores f.o.b. Such kits were not imported from Japan.

Completion of irrigation projects

2759 SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number of irrigation projects completed during the last three years ; and

(b) the State-wise number of projects abandoned, if any, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The assessment regarding completion of projects is undertaken only at the end of each Plan period.

(b) No reports are available from State Governments regarding abandonment of projects.

Dharna by Depot Kamgar Union COD, Jabalpur

2760. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Depot Kamgar Union, Central ordnance Depot, Jabalpur are on Dharna against victimisation, non-revocation of suspension of union activists and non implementation of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal's verdict for payment of 9 day's wages which were deducted from workers wages ;

(b) if so, whether Government have advised the COD authority to discuss the issues and to settle them in order to maintain peace and tranquility in this vital Defence Depot; and

(c) the details of Government's reaction to the Workers' Dharna and the steps taken to restore normalcy in the COD Jabalpur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Winding up of Nagpur Unit of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.

2761. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to wind up the Nagpur Unit of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited after ten to twelve years of its existence;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the closure will jeopardise the education of children of the employees and create problems to their families if they are asked to go to some other distant place in alternative employment;

(d) whether Government took up the matter with the Maharashtra Government to ensure continuance of Nagpur Unit of GRSE's; and

(e) whether Government have explored the possibility to utilise the infrastructure of the Nagpur unit to manufacture some other items

required by Defence Department or the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) No. Sir. No such decision has been taken by the Government.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Legal aid to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Orissa

2762. SHRI JAGDISH JANI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is taking steps to provide legal aid to more and more people in the country.

(b) if so, the steps taken under different Central schemes in Orissa during the last three years;

(c) the guidelines that to the State Government's on this regard; and

(d) the number of poor people in India particularly Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes got legal aid in those years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The legal aid programme adopted by the Committee for implementing Legal Aid Schemes is of two-fold character—

(a) free legal aid and advice in all law courts, and

(b) preventive and strategic legal aid which includes holding Lok Adalats.

Both the above schemes are being implemented in Orissa.

(c) Under the Central guidelines. any citizen whose income item all sources does not exceed Rs. 6000/- per annum is entitled to free legal services in all courts upto the High Court and this ceiling of income is Rs. 9000/- for the Supreme Court. This limitation as to income is however, not pplicable in case of persons beonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, women and children, etc.

(d) According to the information available with the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes, in all 4,95,357 persons have been provided legal aid in India during the last three years (1985-1987). Out of these, 1,15,356 persons belonged to Scheduled castes and 29,851 to Scheduled tribes.

Formation of a River Board

2763. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the plan envisaged by Dr. K.L. Rao, noted Engineer for formation of River Board for connecting the major rivers in the country that would solve the problem of flood and drought to great extent ;

(b) if so, whether Governments policy on Water Resources includes the plan envisaged by Dr. K.L. Rao ; and

(c) if not, what are the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : (a) to (c) Dr. K.L. Rao had given a proposal for a national water grid including the Ganga-Cauvery Link. A techno-economic examination of the proposal revealed that it would require large blocks of power for lifting water and would have no flood